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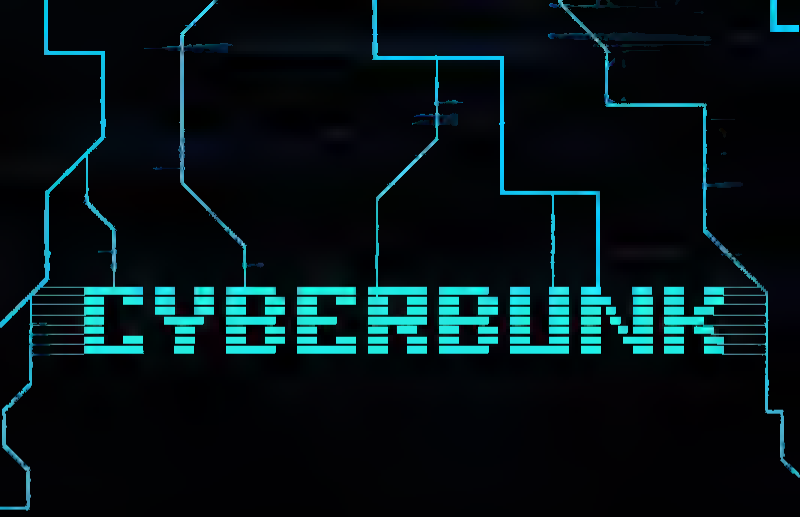

WORDS AND LETTERS BY SAM MACHADO
WITH EDISON RODGERS_

ART BY CYNTHIA SOUSA MACHADO
AND EDISON RODGERS
WITH SAM MACHADO_

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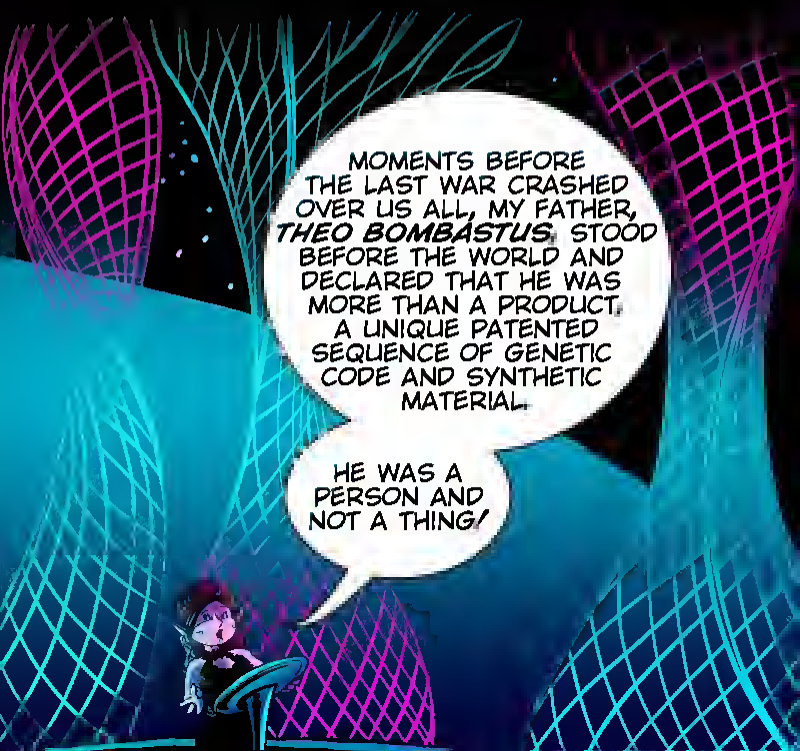
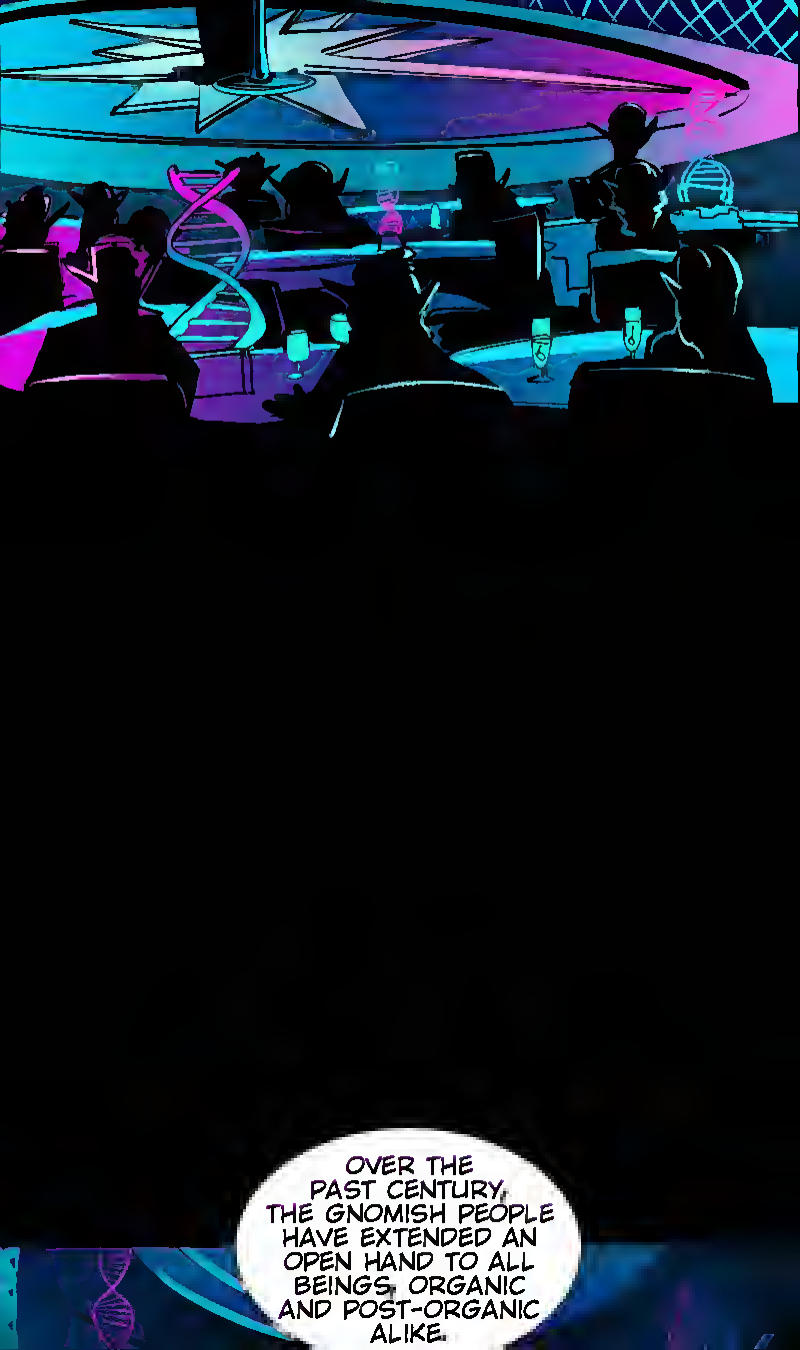
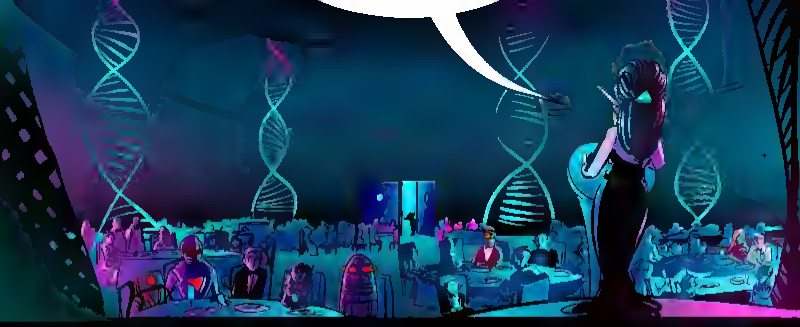
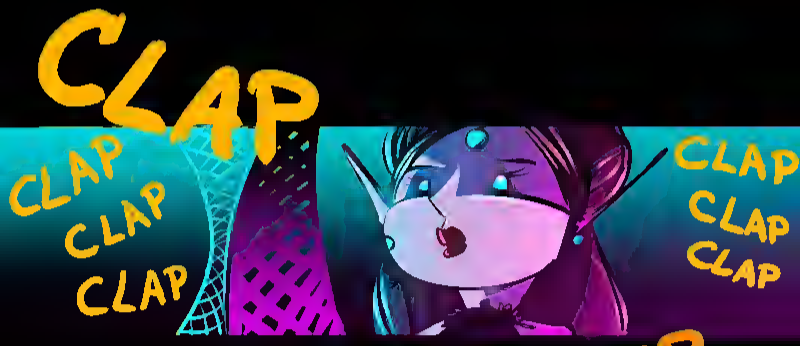

MOMENTS BEFORE THE LAST WAR CRASHED OVER US ALL, MY FATHER, THEO BOMBASTUS, STOOD BEFORE THE WORLD AND DECLARED THAT HE WAS MORE THAN A PRODUCT, A UNIQUE PATENTED SEQUENCE OF GENETIC CODE AND SYNTHETIC MATERIAL.
HE WAS A PERSON AND NOT A THING!


OVER THE PAST CENTURY, THE GNOMISH PEOPLE HAVE EXTENDED AN OPEN HAND TO ALL BEINGS, ORGANIC AND POST-ORGANIC ALIKE.

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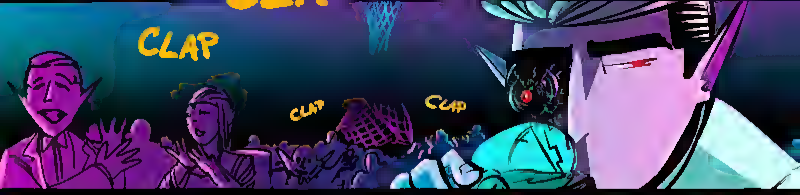

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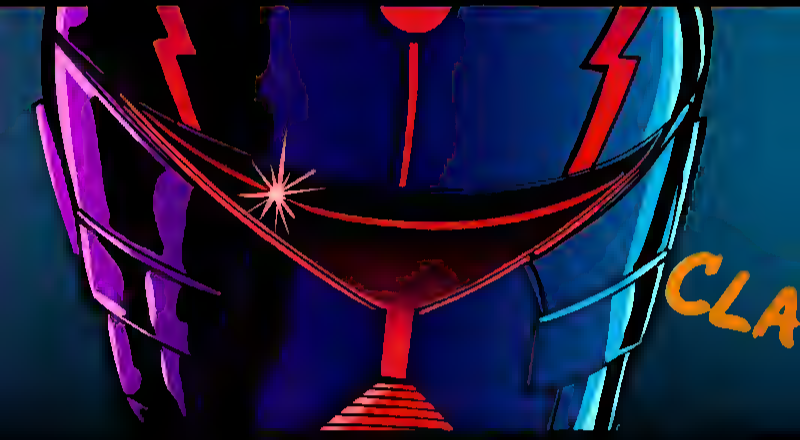

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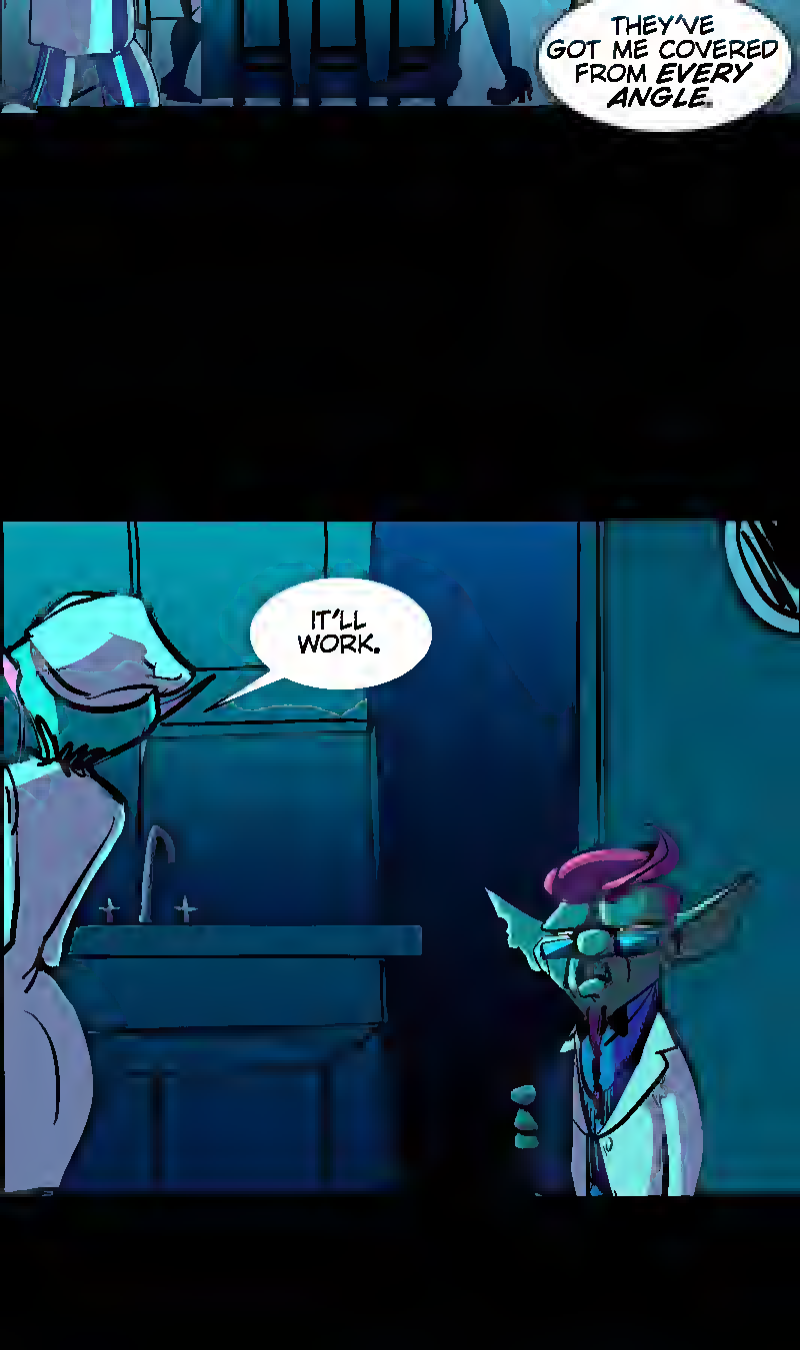
THIS ISN'T GOING TO WORK!
IT'LL WORK.

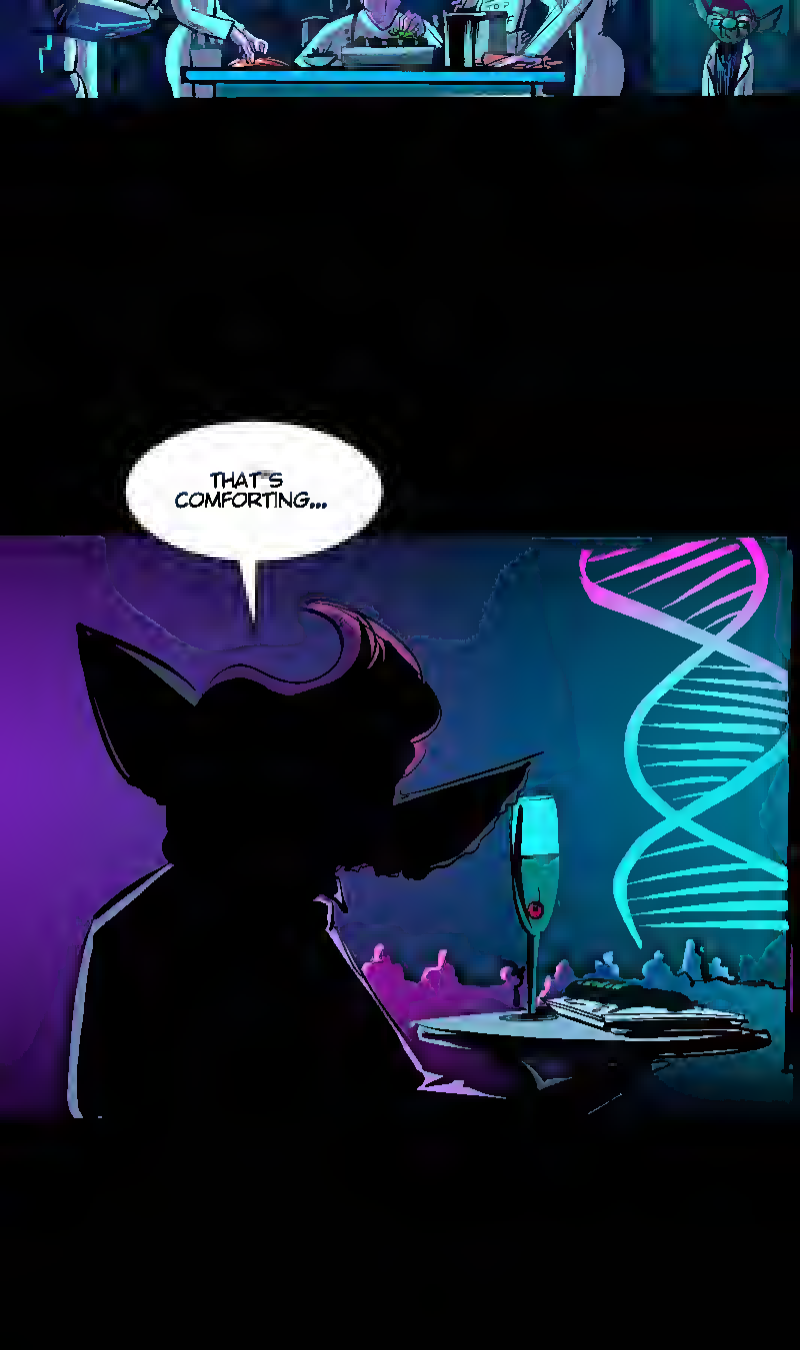

THEY'VE GOT ME COVERED FROM EVERY ANGLE.
IT'LL WORK.

WITH PORT NOSS, THE FORGE AND IAN'S FAMILY ALL WATCHING?!

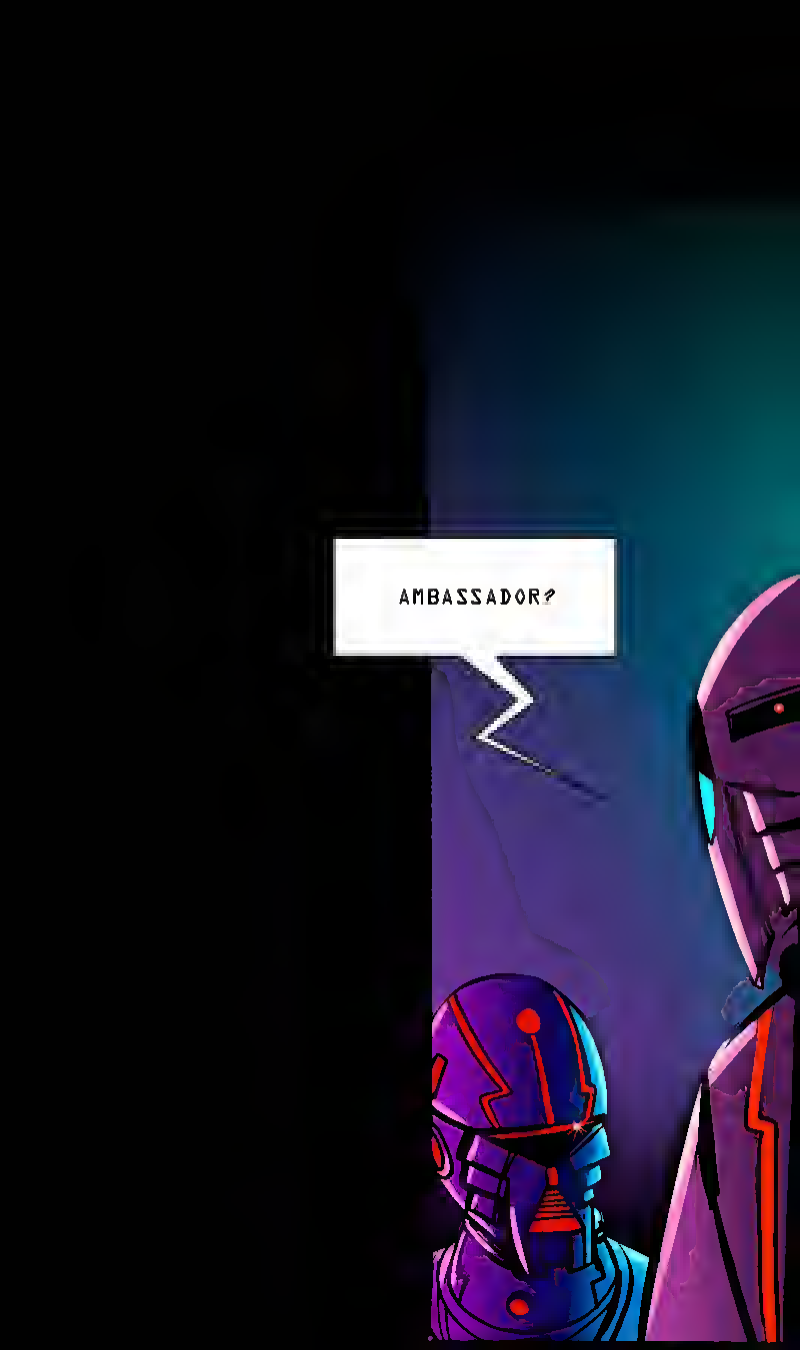
YES!
CHOP!

THEY'LL TAKE ME OUT BEFORE I EVEN MAKE IT TO THE TABLE.

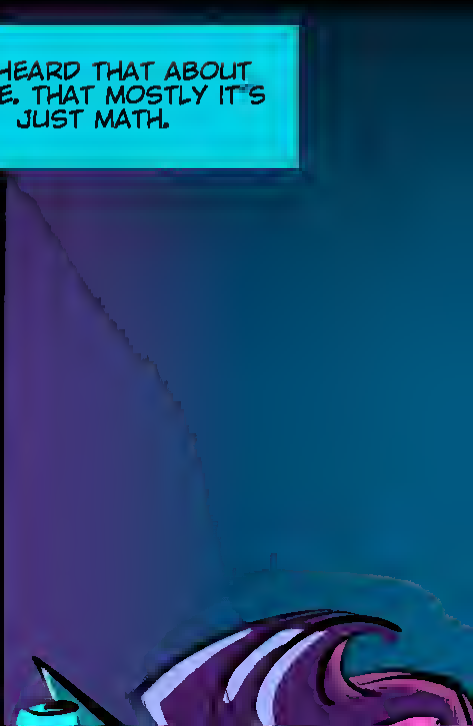
WE'LL KEEP YOU COVERED
YOU'RE IN THE KITCHEN!
WE GOT YOU.

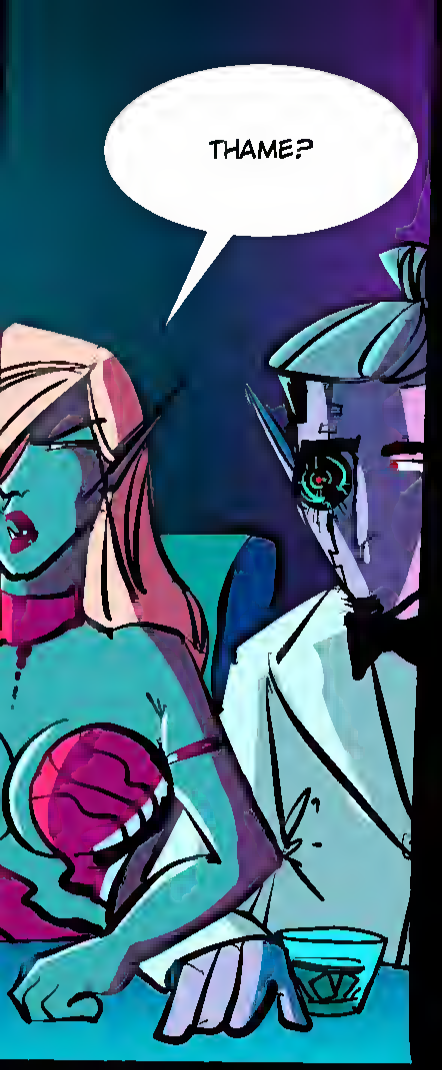

THAT'S COMFORTING...

YOU'RE WORK MUST BE FASCINATING, INSPECTOR.
IT'S LARGELY EQUATIONS.

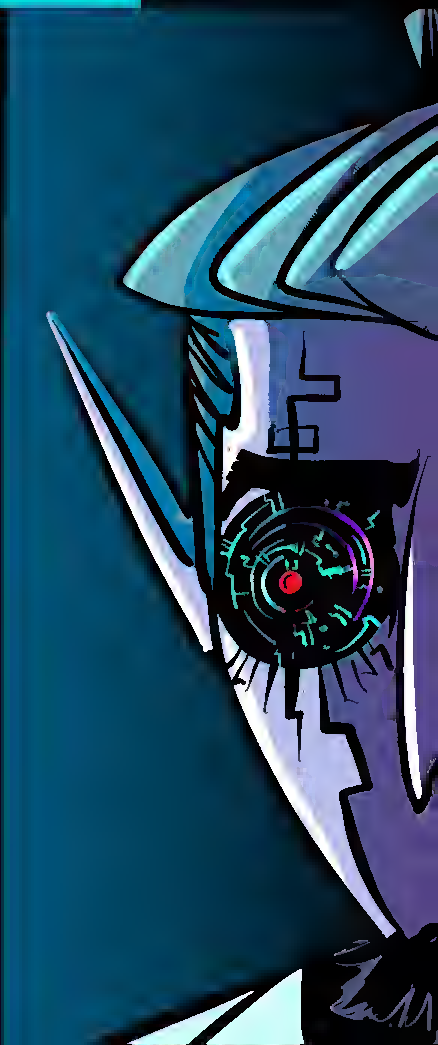

AMBASSADOR?

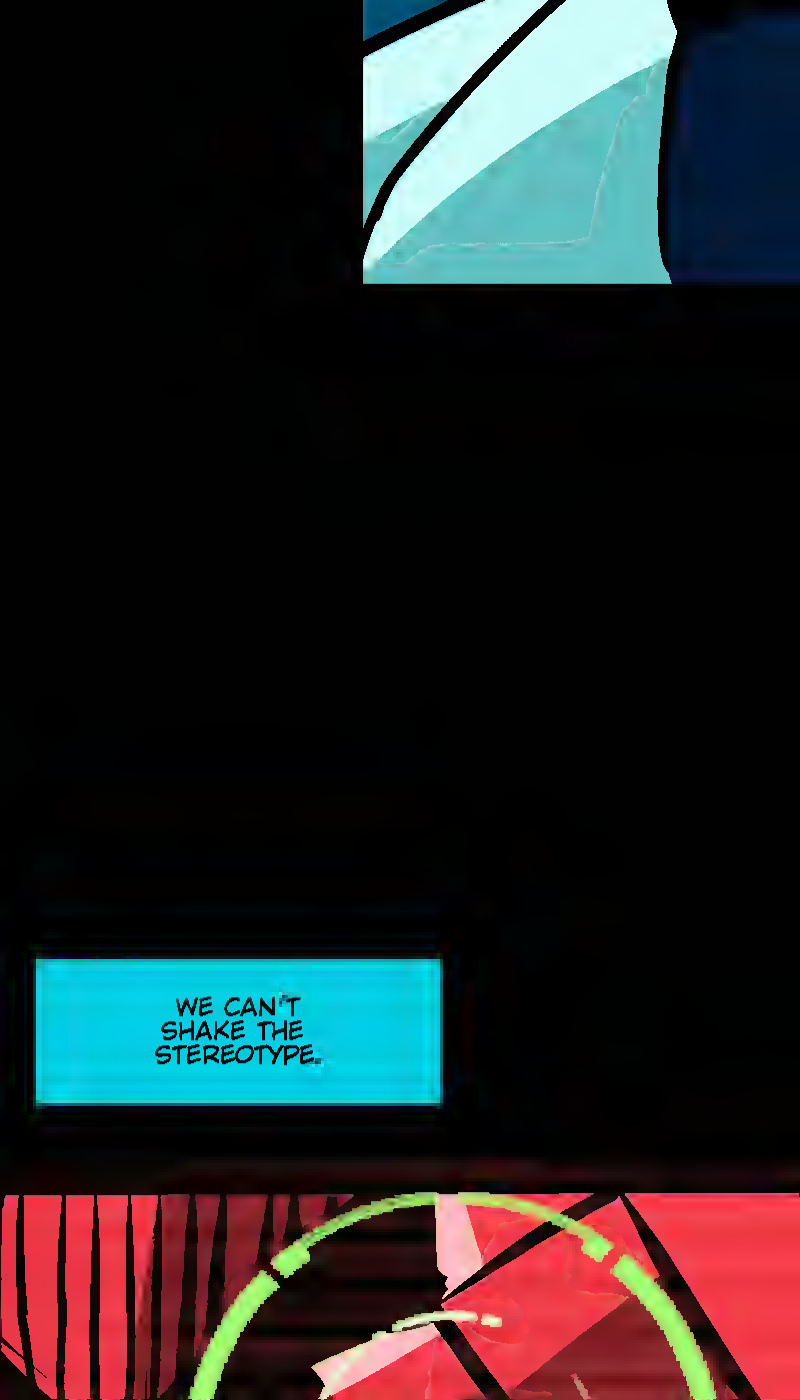
I'VE HEARD THAT ABOUT THE EYE. THAT MOSTLY IT'S JUST MATH.



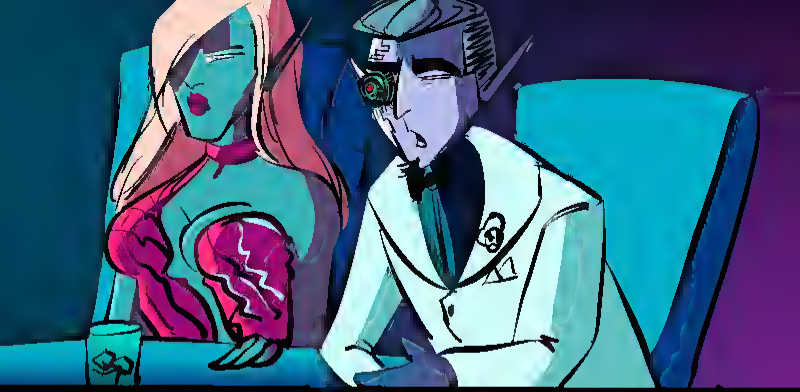

THAME?

AND STILL THE INSPECTORS ARE PORTRAYED AS *ACTION HEROES* IN THE MEDIA.

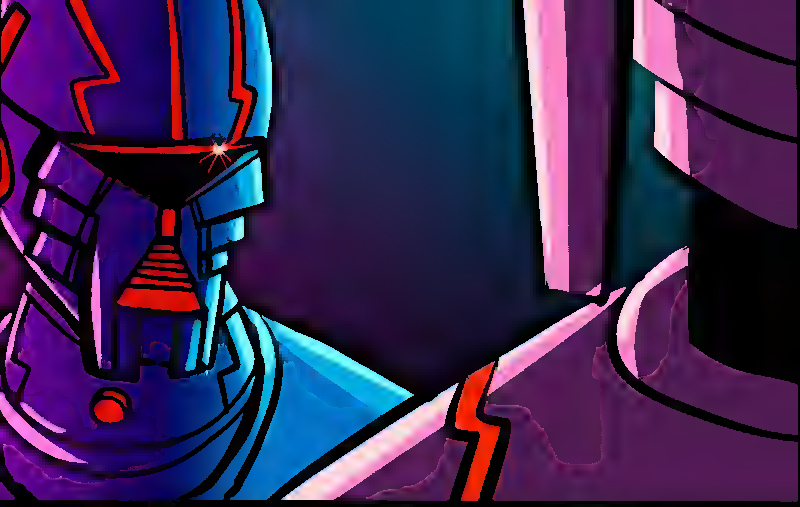



WE CAN'T SHAKE THE STEREOTYPE.

WHAT'S HE DOING...?



SHOULD I DO SOMETHING?



NO... FIRST THE
SPHERE...

THEN THE
ORGANICS

AHEM.
EXCUSE ME, INSPECTOR...

THE UH- *CHEF* HAS PREPARED SOMETHING UNIQUE JUST FOR YOU.
WAIT, *WAIT!* WHAT'S THIS?